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## **HOMELESS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK ROBBERY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a homeless man pleaded guilty in federal court today to robbing US Bank in Kansas City.

**Dennis Watson**, 52, who is homeless, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to a June 8, 2005, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty today, **Watson** admitted that he stole \$3,800 from US Bank, 1125 Grand Ave., in Kansas City. **Watson** entered the bank at approximately 9 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2005. **Watson** was carrying American Express Travelers Checks in one hand, but when one of the tellers asked if he wanted to cash the checks, **Watson** demanded, "Give me all the money! I want all the money!" The teller handed **Watson** money from his drawer, which **Watson** stuffed into the pockets of his shorts before walking out of the bank.

Another bank employee identified **Watson** as the same man who, wearing the same clothing, had cashed a \$100 American Express Travelers Check at the bank the day before. The travelers check included **Watson's** driver's license number and date of birth. Law enforcement officers were able to compare the bank's videotapes of both days to a photograph of **Watson** obtained from the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

Under federal statutes, **Watson** could be subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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